Texas Health Care Information Collection - THCIC
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THCIC Rule Amendments

THCIC rule amendments are anticipated to be posted in the Texas Register on June 30, 2017. http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml. The implementation of these rules will begin with the implementation of the new contract. We currently anticipate the contract to start at the earliest October 1, 2017 and the latest by January 1, 2018. We will post further notices in the number letters.

The amendments were necessary to implement the following Legislative bills: Senate Bill (SB) 219 (84th Texas Legislature Regular Session), House Bill (HB) 2641 (84th Texas Legislature, Regular Session) and the Sunset Advisory Commission recommendations.

SB 219 amended Health and Safety Code, Chapter 108 and requires that fees for the recoupment and support of the program be established in rules.

HB 2641 amended Government Code, §531.0162 and requires that any data collection efforts that are implemented after September 1, 2015, to use the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) approved formats. DSHS anticipates posting the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Health Care Data Collection System contract out this summer and the changes to meet HB 2641 requirements are included with that RFP and subsequent contract.

The 2014-2015 Sunset Advisory Commission published recommendation 7.1 Modification 3 for the Texas Health Care Information Collection program (THCIC) to reduce the time for facilities to certify the data submitted to the department from ninety days to thirty days and consolidate and clarify the rules. The forty-five (45) day certification timeline is being adopted in response to comments.

There are some additional changes: Update outdated technology terms for data storage and transfer; Consolidate language repeated in a several sections regarding similar processes for data requests and release of public use data and research data files, which requires Institutional Review Board approval.

If you have, questions please email them to us at THCICHelp@dshs.texas.gov.

2017 Hospital Nurse Staffing Study (All hospitals)

Calling all Chief Nursing Officers/Directors of Nursing!

The Texas Center for Nursing Workforce Studies' 2017 Hospital Nurse Staffing Study will be open through July 21st.

The purpose of this survey is to assess nurse staffing issues among employers of nurses throughout the state and to gather data that helps nursing advocates and lawmakers make informed decisions regarding the nursing shortage in Texas.

Your participation is necessary to ensure valid, reliable, and representative data are available to support recommendations and policy aimed at strengthening the nursing workforce in Texas.
Beginning this year, these biennial surveys will only by collected in odd numbered years.

Don't miss your opportunity to make your voice heard!

Questions? Please contact Cate Campbell at 512-776-2365.
http://www.dshs.texas.gov/chs/cnws/2017-hnss/

Did You Know? (All staff involved with THCIC)

- The assigned THCIC Provider Primary Contact may provide up to six (6) staff with their own provider logins to access our system. Instructions are in the Vol 15 Num 3 newsletter.

- A disabled login, due to 3 failed login attempts, will automatically be "reset" by our system after an hour.

- All login passwords MUST be changed every 60 days in our system and must never be shared.

- When communicating with THCIC or System13, always provide the facility's assigned THCIC ID Number (not the facility name or a login username) for identification.

- The newsletter notifications are distributed by email to the assigned THCIC Primary Contact at each facility, who should then share the newsletter with internal staff.

- Your quarterly certification "comments" are PUBLICLY released as written. Use caution.

Updating Provider Contact Information (CEO or Facility Administrator)

All hospitals and ASCs are required to provide THCIC with a liaison at their facility and must keep the liaison information **up-to-date** at all times.

The main THCIC liaison is referred to as the THCIC Provider Primary Contact or Data Administrator and services as the liaison between THCIC (and System13) and the facility.

When an assigned THCIC Provider Primary Contact no longer works for the facility, the facility CEO/Administrator is responsible for reassigning a liaison and notifying THCIC of the change. By keeping the Provider Primary Contact information up-to-date, this ensures THCIC communications and System13 notifications are received by the facility in a timely manner.

In addition to the THCIC Provider Primary Contact, the Alternate Contact and Certifier of Record information must also be kept up-to-date as well as the CEO/Facility Administrator.

A list of current facility contacts may be viewed at:
http://www.dshs.texas.gov/thcic/hospitals/FacilitiesList.xls

If the THCIC provider contact information needs to be updated, please complete, sign, and return the THCIC contact form posted at:
http://www.dshs.texas.gov/thcic/hospitals/FacilityInformationRequest.pdf

Upcoming Due Dates (All staff involved with THCIC)

June 1, 2017
3q2016 certification of data due
4q2016 begin certification data review
1q2017 reporting of data due

August 1, 2017
1q2017 free data correction ends

September 1, 2017
4q2016 certification of data due
1q2017 begin certification data review
2q2017 reporting of data due

A schedule of **all** due dates may be found at
http://www.dshs.texas.gov/THCIC/datareportingschedule.shtm

Training Webinars (All staff involved with THCIC)

THCIC provides Webinar trainings, **at no cost**, on the data reporting
processes required of all Texas hospital and ambulatory surgery centers.
Postings for Webinar dates may be viewed at:
http://www.dshs.texas.gov/thcic/Training.shtm

Signing up for training is limitless and refresher training is encouraged.

THCIC encourages all staff involved with the THCIC state data reporting to
sign up for training.

To attend the Webinar training(s), please send inquiries to:
thcichelp@dshs.texas.gov.

For help or general questions on Submission, Correction, and Certification
please contact:
Tiffany Overton, (512) 776-2352 or thcichelp@dshs.texas.gov

How to Reach Us

System13, Inc. (in Virginia)
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Helpdesk
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Phone: 888-308-4953 or (434) 977-0000
Email: thcichelp@system13.com

THCIC (in Austin)
Web site – www.dshs.texas.gov/thcic
Main phone: (512) 776-7261

Public Use Data File (PUDF) orders: (512) 776-7261

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Past Newsletters

http://www.dshs.texas.gov/thcic/Inpatient-and-Outpatient-Numbered-Letters/

Links to Forms and Documents

Patient Notification of Data Collection Form –
http://www.dshs.texas.gov/thcic/Patient-Notification-of-Data-Collection.pdf

Provider Contact Update Form -
http://www.dshs.texas.gov/thcic/hospitals/FacilityInformationRequest.pdf

No Quarterly Data to Report Form -
http://www.dshs.texas.gov/thcic/hospitals/NoDataToReport(2).pdf

Current Provider Contact List –
http://www.dshs.texas.gov/thcic/hospitals/FacilitiesList.xls

Appendices Document –
http://www.dshs.texas.gov/thcic/hospitals/5010InpatientandOutpatientAppendicesVer3.pdf

Contains:
Country Codes
Default Values
Race and Ethnicity documents
Revenue Code Groupings used for Encounter File and PUDF
Audit IDs and Audit Messages
Payer Source Coding Guide
Key Data Elements for matching INPATIENT claims
Key Data Elements for matching OUTPATIENT claims

Data Reporting Schedule –
http://www.dshs.texas.gov/THCIC/datareportingschedule.shtm

Inpatient Reporting Requirements -
http://www.dshs.texas.gov/thcic/hospitals/Tech_Req__Spec_5010_ver_9-Inpatient_THCIC837.pdf

Outpatient and Emergency Department Reporting Requirements -
http://www.dshs.texas.gov/thcic/OutpatientFacilities/Tech_Req_Spec_5010_Ver_10-2_Outpatient_THCIC837.pdf

HCPCS Codes
http://www.dshs.texas.gov/thcic/OutpatientFacilities/HCPCS-Code-worksheet-for-2017.xls

History of the Texas Health Care Information Collection Program

On September 1, 2003 the legacy state agencies; Texas Health Care Information Council (THCIC), the Texas Department of Health (TDH), the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (TCADA), and the Mental Health branch of the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation were merged to form the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) in response to the passage of HB 2292 (78th Texas Legislature). All functions of THCIC continue in the Center for Health Statistics within DSHS.

THCIC was created by **Chapter 108** of the Health and Safety Code by the 74th Texas Legislature in 1995.
http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.108.htm

Rules
Rules that apply to the Texas Health Care Information Collection are found in Chapter 421 of Title 25, Part 1 of the Texas Administrative Code.
http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=4&ti=25&pt=1&ch=421

Quality of Care Reports

Indicators of Inpatient Care in Texas Hospitals, 2014
http://www.dshs.texas.gov/thcic/publications/hospitals/IQIReport/Indicators-of-Inpatient-Care-in-Texas-Hospitals-Present-on-Admission-(POA)-2014/

Quality of Children's Care in Texas Hospitals, 2014
http://dshs.texas.gov/thcic/publications/hospitals/PDIReport/Quality-of-Children-s-Care-in-Texas-Hospitals,-2014/

Patient Safety Indicators, 2014
http://www.dshs.texas.gov/thcic/publications/hospitals/Patient-Safety-Indicators/Patient-Safety-Indicators-With-Diagnosis-Present-on-Admission-(POA)-2014/

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